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Feudin' Starts Tomorrow

By STEVE GAVIN

Even the legendary Hatfields and McCoys scamper for shelter when the biggest basketball shooting war in these 'yar parts — Loyola vs. Mt. St. Mary's — starts blazing away on the Evergreen boards tomorrow night. The first shot will be fired at 8:45.

A capacity throng is expected to gather at the battlefield and lend vocal support to this annual hoop explosion which, as usual, is the focal point of the 1956-57 Mason-Dixon Conference dribble derby.

For it's the cagey Mountaineers versus the local city b'hoys again this winter for the Conference title and it's these two occasions when the battle comes out into the open — tomorrow night at Evergreen and February 9 at Mt. St. Mary's — which will undoubtedly determine the '56-'57 kingpin.

Last year, Loyola hogged the title roost by swatting the Saints, 73-72, before the home folks, and 73-67, on its annual safari to the hill country. But the Mount got even, flogging the Hounds, 107-86, to bag its third straight Tournament title and equal the all-time standard for straight successes in the post-season shenanigans.

And as usual, the Mounties' main line of attack is spelled S-U-L-L-I-V-A-N. Redoubtable Jack, the string-bean scoring phenom, is zeroing in on a lifetime total of 2,000 markers and hopes to eventually surpass the state career mark of 2,154, held by Loyola's Jim Lacy.

Oddly enough, even though Sully holds six M-D tourney marks and is on the verge of becoming the first player to be named to the All-Conference team for four straight years, he's never led the loop in scoring. He just missed winning the title last year when shackled by a sprained wrist for part of the campaign. However this season he's off to a roaring scoring start, which, we assume, is intended to be prophetic.

In seven starts this season, Sullivan has rammed through 221 points, including a Quantico Tourney single game mark of 43 against Belmont Abbey, for a bell-ringing 31.6 average.

Besides the sensational Sully, the Mountaineer bucket brigade will likely be manned by clever Bert

Sheing and frosh Jack Gunn in the rear court with Bill Williams and Jerry Bohlinger underneath.

It's no secret that coach Jim Phelan hasn't been too happy with the work of Williams and Bohlinger off the boards. He has threatened to sub highly-touted freshman Jack Halleron, Tom Leonard and Jack Marshall for any of the Saints' fading flippers. Leonard and Marshall are unseasoned sophs, however, and Phelan has no guarantee how they'll go under fire.

LOYOLA'S BASKETBALL boardcombers, Jim Staiti, George Leyh, and Denny McGuire, stack up almost even with the Saint rebounders in height, and have been providing coach Lefty Reitz with capable work underneath.

Reitz couldn't be blamed if he used the 'pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey' method of picking a starting lineup for, as he says, "we've got two good teams." And therein may lie the tale (no pun intended) as regards the Mason-Dixon championship.

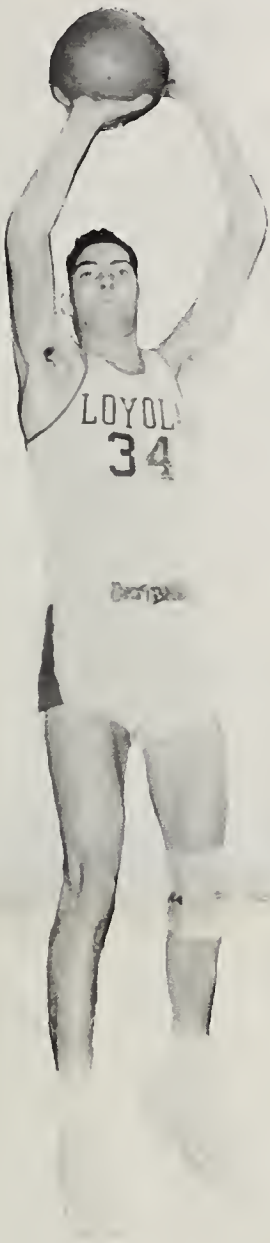
If it's a matter of depth, suh, Loyola is the team that has it. So, says the swami, a running game would probably benefit the Hounds while the Mounties would most likely prefer to work for their shots.

Besides the rebounding corps, Reitz is banking on seniors Paul Dodd, Harp Fitzgerald, Gene Grimes, Jack Benzing, and Earl Hamper, to go with juniors Jerry Komin, Jack Cummings, and Joe Watkins to help the Hounds bolster their blue chip stock by sacking the Saints.

Thus far, Dodd, with an average of 12.8, Staiti (11.4), Grimes (11.2), Hamper (9.4), Leyh (8.2), McGuire (7.8) and Komin (7.8) have lifted the Loyolans to a 3-2 record.

There's no individual star on this year's Greyhound quint but it's a solid club with no glaring weakness and it could go all the way. It'll be close, however, with polish on St. Mary's side and depth in the Hounds' corner.

That's how the cards are stacked, then, for the first draw tomorrow night.



Jim Staiti



Jack Sullivan

ROLL OF CHAMPIONS

Here are the basketball champions of the Mason-Dixon Conference:

League	Year	Tournament
Loyola	1955-56	Mt. St. Mary's
Mt. St. Mary's	1954-55	Mt. St. Mary's
Roanoke	1953-54	Mt. St. Mary's
Roanoke	1952-53	Loyola
Loyola	1951-52	Baltimore
Mt. St. Mary's	1950-51	American
American	1949-50	American
Hampden-Sydney	1948-49	Loyola
Loyola	1947-48	Loyola
Loyola	1946-47	Loyola
American	1945-46	American
American	1944-45	American
Catholic	1943-44	Mt. St. Mary's
Washington	1942-43	Gallaudet
Loyola	1941-42	Loyola
Loyola	1940-41	W. Maryland

SEASON'S RECORDS

MT. ST. MARY'S		LOYOLA	
84	St. Vincent's (Pa.)	88	79 St. Peter's
77	Steubenville	91	83 Hofstra
72	St. Francis (Pa.)	87	90 Wagner
77	Hofstra	68	68 Seton Hall
93	Moravian	75	74 Ohio Wesleyan
103	Belmont Abbey	81	84 Jan. 3 — At Baltimore U.
69	Quantico	84	

Loyola, Saints Best of M-D Class

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By STEVE GAVIN

Among my Christmas gifts was a second-hand, slightly-frayed crystal ball (valued at \$2.98 and previously used by a slightly-frayed Brooklyn Dodger fan).

Naturally, I'm looking for the first opportunity to use it and this, mates, is it.

So hand me my turban and I'll peer deep into the yawning abyss and see if I can concoct a vision as to how the 1956-57 Mason-Dixon Conference basketball race will go.

It looks, fair Macbeth, like Loyola and Mt. St. Mary's will hammer it out for the brass ring. And for my money (which is 100% Confederate currency) it'll be Loyola at the wire with St. Mary's holding the bridesmaid's bouquet, or bag, if you don't choose to be poetic.

According to the rules of the soothsayer's union, I'm supposed to furnish reasons for these prognostications and so here they are:

It's depth and rebounding wherein Loyola outshines the Mountaineers. Despite the sensa-

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tional Sully, the Mounties will need a lot of basketball from their freshmen and sophomores to match their record of the past two years.

Coach Jim Phelan is still searching for a big man to fill the pivot and help out on the backboards. If Jerry Bohlinger and

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Bill Williams, who've been disappointing so far, can come around and start snapping up the stray shots, the Saints could float in again.

That, says the soothsayer's union, is known as an "escape clause" and means, in effect, that (continued on page 4, col. 3)

LATE LINE ON RACE

Team	Comment	Odds
LOYOLA	Gets nod in close race	9-5
MT. ST. MARY'S	The one to beat	2-1
ROANOKE	Should hold off rest	4-1
CATHOLIC	Has money chance	9-2
HOPKINS	Could be troublesome	6-1
BALTIMORE	Chance on top stuff	8-1
HAMPDEN-SYDNEY	Opposition tough	10-1
AMERICAN	Can't run with leaders	10-1
WASHINGTON	Needs seasoning	12-1
BRIDGEWATER	Improved; but not enough	15-1
TOWSON STATE	Game; may be heard from	15-1
RANDOLPH-MACON	Must show more	20-1
LYNCHBURG	Still Rebuilding	20-1
WESTERN MARYLAND	Two years away	20-1

We Ain't No Saints, So We Must Be Sinners . . .

Cheerleader Can Leap Mountains

IN THE BACKCOURT

Different Hat But Same Bell



Sam Donohue



Jerry Komin stops pass.



Gene Grimes bounces upcourt.

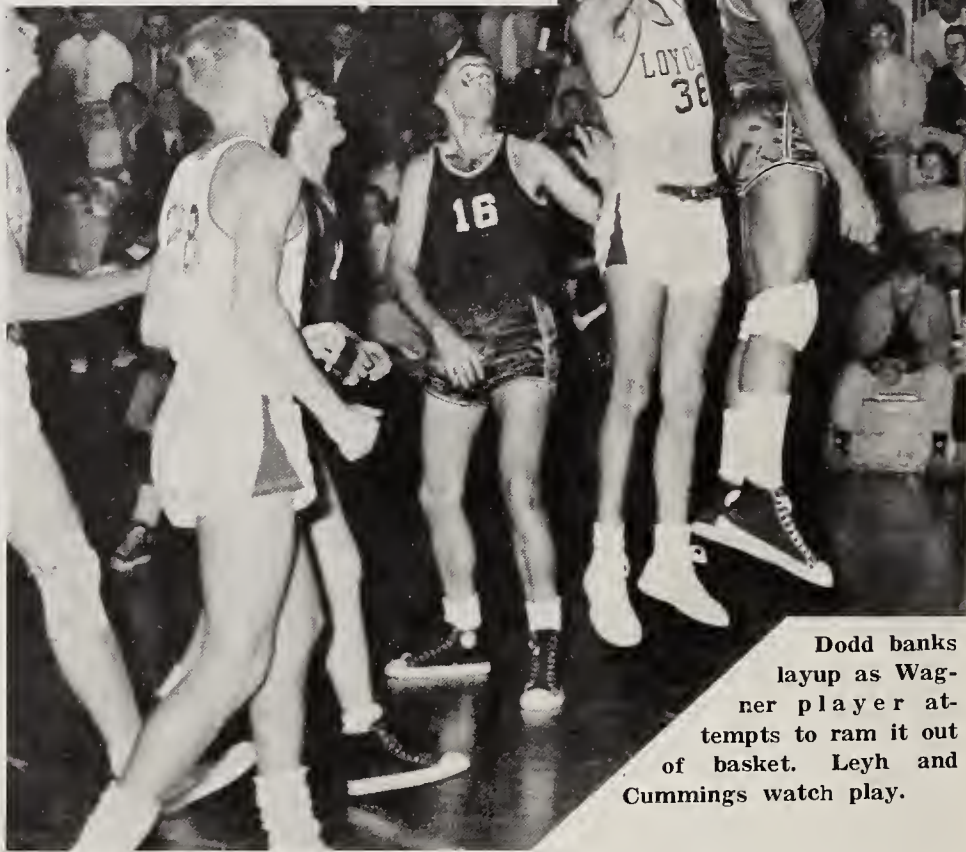


Mr. Joseph Cerra, of the Slater System, has all the 'Hounds conditioned to run, run, run when they hear his victory bell from the "Ding Dong School." He is one of the team's heartiest rooters.



▲ PAUL DODD rises to occasion as Gene Grimes watches.

► Grimes fakes shot and curls pass to Denny McGuire as player (5) guarding McGuire looks for "rebound."



Dodd banks layup as Wagner player attempts to ram it out of basket. Leyh and Cummings watch play.

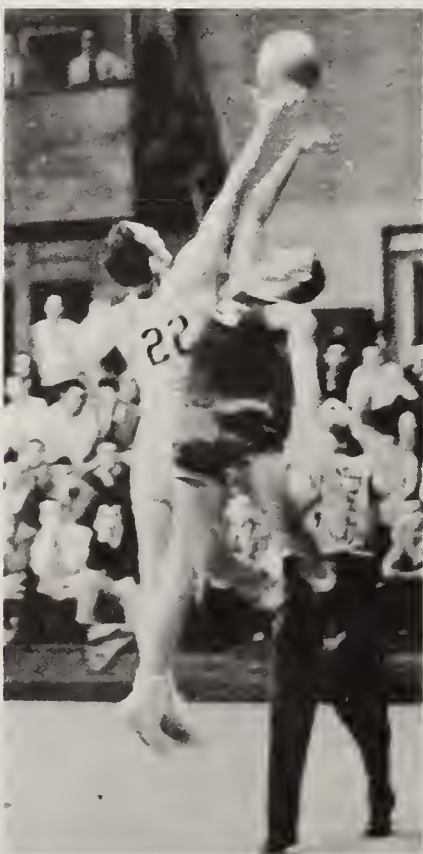
ONWARD AND UPWARD



Benzing Bombs



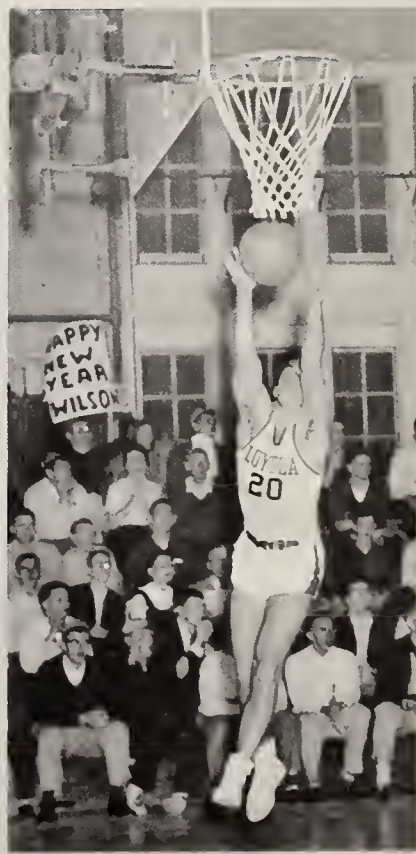
Hamper Hoops



Fitz Foils Foe



Cummings Connects



Benzing Booms

... But When The Game Ends, We'll Be Winners



L
Diana Pomory

O
Joan Jackson

Y
Jane Gunn

O
Joanne Clark

L
Phyllis Schimunek

A
Jeanne Dougherty



UP, UP, AND AWAY — Jim Staiti pushes off and lets fly with a one-hander against Wagner as Denny McGuire watches.

◀ HE SLAPPED the Ball, said the referee, and called a technical to prove it when Gene Grimes protested. The technical and a field goal on the throw-in shrunk Loyola's lead to 56-53.



Bert Sheing
HAS 21.3 AVERAGE



LOYOLA'S AAA cheering section, organized by the sophomore class, opens up at the Wagner game.



Jerry Bohlinger
TALLEST MOUNT AT 6'6"

Reitz & Phelan Have Solid Grounding In Game

LEFTY NEARS 300TH VICTORY

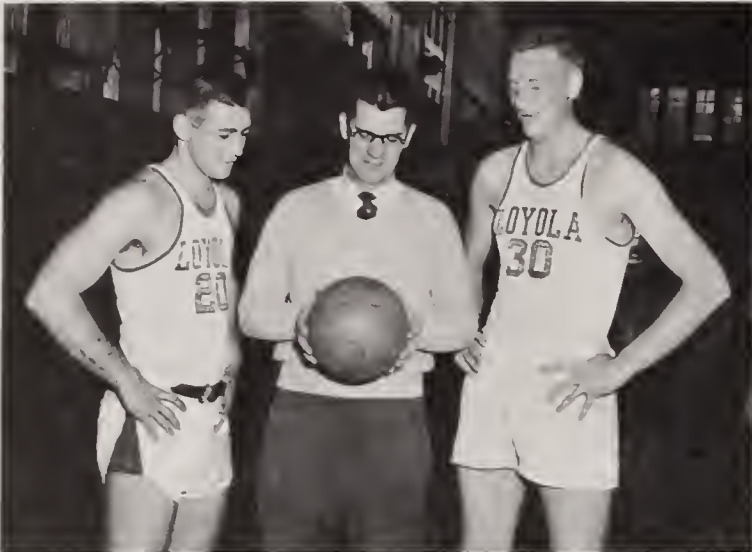
Emil G. (just call me "Lefty") Reitz is now in his nineteenth year as coach of the Loyola College basketball team.

The Frederick, Md., native has herded the Hounds to six Mason-Dixon Conference titles and five M-D tourney crowns for the best record of any team in the loop's sixteen-year history. He also has, on six occasions, piloted his teams into national post-season tournament competition.

All told, his clubs have won a total of 291 games, against 172 losses for an amazing .629 percentage.

After graduation from Villanova College in 1933 and a brief fling in professional baseball, "Lefty" took over the head coaching job at Loyola in 1937. A year later, he was promoted to athletic director, a position which he holds today.

A basketball great at both Loyola High and Calvert Hall, he once was credited with a spring-training victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.



Coach Lefty Reitz instructs Benzing and Leyh.

PHELAN PLAYED FOR PAY

James J. Phelan, who in two years has compiled a phenomenal 41-11 won-lost record at Mt. St. Mary's, is the only Mason-Dixon Conference basketball coach to have played in the National Basketball Association.

A student of Ken Loeffler, the great former LaSalle College coach, Phelan piloted the Explorer freshman team before being named the St. Mary's coach in 1954.

The curly-haired ex-Marine lieutenant compiled a brilliant playing record with LaSalle and the Quantico Marines, and also played four games with the 1953-54 Philadelphia Warriors before being lured back to LaSalle as Loeffler's aide.

Phelan received prior coaching background under Obie O'Brien at LaSalle High in Philadelphia and as assistant coach at Quantico, where he led the team to the all-Marine finals and was named the tourney's MVP.

Running With The Hounds

Tournament Invitation Could Depend On Game

BY DAVE BRYAN, SPORTS EDITOR

It seems strange that so soon after the holiday season which proclaims "peace on earth" there should occur a game of basketball which would arouse such intense feeling as to approach "ungentlemanly conduct."

And as if the natural rivalry between these two long time court foes were not enough, a new log has been cast on the fire with the announcement, by the NCAA, that the Mason-Dixon team considered the best during the regular season will have the opportunity to participate in a post season tournament.

The M-D entry to this affair has the opportunity, at last, to show the basketball world the caliber of play in this conference, even if this caliber is upheld by only four or five of the top teams.

There is little doubt that this team will be selected from the results of the Loyola-Mt. St. Marys games, these two teams being the strongest in the league. It is easy to understand then, why each of the meetings will mean much more to each coach, player and rooter than the mere satisfaction of seeing their team end up on the long end of a close score.

Also Ran

Ex-Editor Tells Of Past Thrills

By Jim Cole

A poll taken of the members of last year's senior class showed that one of the most memorable events to them was the Loyola-Mt. St. Mary's basketball games.

These games have been bitterly contested. In the past four years, the two teams have met twelve times with the Hounds winning seven.

In 1953 at Emmitsburg, Loyola overcame a 15 point deficit to edge the Mount 76-74 in a double overtime. Nap Doherty and Joel Hittleman, all-time Loyola greats, sparked the Hounds in that one.

In 1954, a freshman arrived at Emmitsburg by the name of Jack Sullivan. He, together with Sal Angelo, put the Mount back on the winning trail. In the finals of the 1955 M-D tourney none will forget Angelo's last second field goal.

AU, Hopkins, CU Improved Fives

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the race will be closer than the slice of ham in a ham sandwich.

So much for places one and two. Now, let's get onto third place and here things get a little hazy in the old crystal ball. It's a little tough to tell whether it's Roanoke or the Rochester Royals for third place, but a quick check of last year's performances and this year's returning vets ascertains Roanoke.

The Maroons have seven lettermen and five former squad members back, but face a big problem in replacing graduated stars Dave Foltz and Bruce Haupp. They're still the best in the southern part of the loop, however, and should beat out Catholic U.

Height, depth, and speed are on the Cardinals' side, but Catholic lacks the overall strength to take on the top quint. It is a tourney cinch, however.

The early surprise of the Conference is Johns Hopkins, which has a good sophomore crop and a solid backcourt buoyed by Bill Civiletti. The Jays are weak in reserves, though, and consequently get the call only for fifth place.

Which brings us to one of the reasons prognosticators get grey hairs and high insurance rates. Baltimore University has a good veteran club which is probably the best shooting team in the conference. If the Bees polish their defense and play together, they could go all the way. Otherwise,

FOR THE RECORD...

TOP TWELVE SCORERS — 1955-56

Player and Club	G	Pts.	Ave.
George Welsh, Baltimore	14	324	23.1
Jack Sullivan, St. Mary's	11	252	22.9
Pip Moyer, Baltimore	13	289	22.2
Dorsey Clayton, Bridgewater	12	230	20.8
Gerry Pelarski, Gallaudet	10	194	19.4
Larry Pence, Bridgewater	12	217	18.1
Dave Foltz, Roanoke	12	217	18.1
Frank Weiss, American	13	232	17.8
Ken Joyner, Randolph-Macon	17	295	17.4
Hugh McIntyre, Western Maryland	13	222	17.1
Reece Livingston, Towson	13	219	16.8
Russ Holcomb, Hamden-Sydney	13	213	16.4

ALL-LEAGUE TEAM 1955-56

First Team

Jack Sullivan, St. Mary's
Tony Pistorio, Loyola
Frank Weiss, American
Dave Foltz, Roanoke
Pip Moyer, Baltimore

Second Team

Hugh McIntyre, W. Md.
Joe Seivold, Washington
Jim Allenbaugh, Loyola
Andy Balint, Catholic U.
Bill Stanley, St. Mary's

ANALYSIS

Why Saints Have Won

BY BERNIE RACKMALES

Mount Saint Mary's has defeated Loyola in the finals of the last three tournaments because the Mounts had a better organized cheering section.

Get Once they didn't.
Your On January 22,
B-Ball 1955, Sullivan,
Book Angelo and Bals
Today moved to a 47-31
Or Pay! halftime bulge over Loyola's inexperienced sophomores.

But the Mount rooters had stayed up in the hills because of exams. Moreover, Loyola had Jerry Frese, Dave Greenwood and others acting as cheerleaders.

So Jerry Kemin opened the half with five straight driving layups, Harp Fitzgerald bullseyed three overhead sets, and Gene Grimes put the Hounds in front to win with a push shot from behind the foul circle.

But that was the last time Loyola had cheerleaders until the sophomores organized the AAA this season. If they can find a song to equal "When the Saints Come Marching In" and spread their cheering to the entire student body, Loyola will stop the Mount consistently.

MOST IMPROVED

Loyola has a chance to display its chief improvement — the spirit of the student body.

A motorcade, with police escort and band, has been arranged for the Hopkins game. Sign up with your class representative.

LINEUPS: Mounts List 1 Senior, 2 Juniors

LOYOLA

No.	Player	Pos.	Hght.	Class
36	PAUL DODD (deadly jump shot)	F	6-2	Sen.
22	CARROLL FITZGERALD (best in clutch)	F	6-3	Sen.
40	DENNY McGUIRE (rugged rebounder)	F	6-5	Jun.
32	JOE WATKINS (needs experience)	F	6-3	Jun.
30	GEORGE LEYH (key man)	C	6-7	Sen.
34	JIM STAITI (rebounder; good touch)	C	6-5	Sen.
20	JACK BENZING (has good set, jumper)	G	6-2	Sen.
28	JACK CUMMINGS (ball hawk)	G	6-2	Jun.
10	GENE GRIMES (slick playmaker)	G	5-10	Sen.
4	EARL HAMPER (scrappy; steady)	G	5-10	Sen.
14	JERRY KOMIN (alert ballhandler)	G	5-11	Jun.

MT. ST. MARY'S

No.	Player	Pos.	Hght.	Class
22	ED GALEN (good onehander)	F	6-3	Fresh.
21	TOM LEONARD (good shot; lacks speed)	F	6-5	Soph.
25	BILL MORSE (outstanding prospect)	F	6-4	Fresh.
32	JACK SULLIVAN (so what else is new?)	F	6-4	Sen.
11	BILL WILLIAMS (runs hot and cold)	F	6-6	Jun.
41	JERRY BOHLINGER (can jump, drive)	C	6-6	Soph.
31	JACK HALLERON (fouls too much)	C	6-4	Fresh.
3	JACK GUNN (good outside shot)	G	6-1	Fresh.
33	JACK MARSHALL (deceptive; good outside)	G	6-0	Fresh.
13	TOM MULLEN (speedy playmaker)	G	5-10	Jun.
4	BERT SHEING (averaging over 20)	G	6-0	Soph.
23	JOE SULLIVAN (inconsistent shot)	G	6-3	Soph.

it looks like sixth place.

Hampden-Sydney and American are the choices to round out the tournament field. H-S should slip some from last year, while American can't run with the top teams but has a pretty good vet-studded ball club and a good-looking center in freshman Dick Wells.

Washington College, a free-scoring quint with defensive

troubles, should develop as the season moves along. The ShoMen have a classy looking freshman in 6-3 Bob Brown and one of the loop's top twelve players in Joe Seivold, who is perpetual motion on a basketball court.

Bridgewater has good scoring power in three topdrawer shot-makers, Larry Pence, Dick Miley, and Dorsey Clayton, but lacks size and defense.

Towson Teachers may surprise some clubs this season, depending on how their newcomers develop. Major drawback is the lack of a stickout rebounder, but the Knights are a scrappy hustling club.

Randolph-Macon, Lynchburg, and Western Maryland, the bottom three teams (it says here), are all rebuilding.

The Yellow Jackets have a new coach, Paul Webb, fair size, six returning lettermen and, in 6-5 Ken Joyner, the highest scoring soph in the history of the school.

Western Maryland is under a new coach, Nick Clower, but is still two years away from serious contention.

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